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Agricultural Survey Is an Opportunity to Provide the Facts

How have market conditions affected grain stocks and this year's seeded acreage? What effects will spring weather have on Tennessee crops? In order to answer these and other questions, the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service will be surveying farmers and ranchers for the 2001 June Agricultural Survey. Results from this survey will include crop acreage estimates, genetically modified seed use, livestock inventories, and grains in storage.

A representative of the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service will contact producers between May 30 and June 14 for crop, livestock, and grain stocks information vital to making the state's estimates. This survey is particularly important because it will provide indications of the potential production of major commodities in 2001.

The information gathered is widely used. Producers rely on the data to reach informed production, marketing, and investment decisions. Industry analysts, extension agents, farm organizations, and agricultural lenders use the information in a variety of ways that benefit farmers.

"We safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses," says Debra Kenerson, Tennessee State Statistician. "Information from individual operations is combined with other responses to provide the needed data." The National Agricultural Statistics Service works with farmers and ranchers to provide meaningful, accurate, and objective statistics that help measure the health of America's production agriculture.

For a copy of survey results or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.nass.usda.gov/tn or call 1-800-626-0987.